Los Alamos

Laboratory Operations Requirements Variance Form

NATIONAL LABORATORY

The requesting DD/PD/OD (or POC) shall complete items 1-6.				
Variance to LPR(s) or LIR(s) document number. LIR220-03-01				
Title		Section/Page		
LANL Engineering Standards Manual OST220 2. Variance (Use continuation sheet if necessary.)		Chapter 7/Section D5020	/Page 23	
Permit existing self-luminous exit signs that fail or reach the end of their rated life to be replaced with self-luminous exit signs. Refer to ESM Chapter 7, Section D5020, Paragraph 8.4-B.1.				
Justification (Use continuation sheet if necessary.)				
ESM Chapter 7, Section D5020, Paragraph 8.4-B.1 requires that existing "tritium-powered" self-luminous exit signs that fail or reach the end of their rated life be replaced with electrically-powered LED-type emergency exit signs. This typically is very costly because it requires the installation of a general lighting circuit that complies with National Electrical Code section 700.12(E).				
Applicable compensating measures (Use continuation sheet if necessary.)				
The purpose of the requirement was to remove these exit signs that contain radioactive tritium from LANL facilities to avoid possible future hazardous waste disposal costs. With this variance in place the remaining ESM requirements will continue to meet the intent in a cost-effective manner: (1) Self-luminous exit signs be replaced with LED-type emergency exit signs when the lighting system in an area is renovated or replaced. (2) Electrically-powered LED emergency exit signs will be used in new facilities.				
5. Variance being requested for (specify dates or duration). April 1, 2004 and thereafter, Variance applicable to all facilities.				
6. Requesting DD/PD/OD (or designee) must sign this section of the variance request. Requesting DD/PD/OD (Print) Title Signature Date				
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David W. Powell ES	SM Chapter 7 PC)C	Hant w. Jowell	2/30/04
The requesting DDIPDIOD (or POC) shall forward a copy of the request form to the Action DDIPDIOD (or POC) and a copy to the LSRPIESH-OIO, MS C303.				
The action DDIPDIOD (or designee) shall complete items 7-8 within 15 working days.				
7. Variance: Approved for a duration of: revision Denied Denied Other (Use continuation sheet if necessary.)				у.)
8: Action DD/PD/OD (Print)	tle		Signature	Date
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The action DDIPDIOD (or POC) shall send a copy of the original form indicating approval denial to the requesting DDIPDIOD				
(or POC) and shall send a copy of the form to the LSRPIESH-OIO for record retention.				
9. Requesting and Action Directors concur with changes made to this request for variance; Date:				
Requesting Director (sign) Action Director (sign)				
The DLD-OPS shall approve/deny the variance if/when resolution is not reached at the requesting and action DD/PD/OD level.				
10. Variance Approved for a duration of: Denied Other (Use continuation sheet if necessary.)				
11. DLD-OPS (Print)		Signature		Date

The Engineering Standards LIR requires variances to be approved by the Standards Discipline POC, Standards Manager, and Chief Engineer prior to submission to the FWO DL.

Because this Variance was initiated and signed by POC David Powell (on behalf of two FMs), only the following additional signatures are required before submission to Tony Stanford:

Fobin Oruch, Engineering Standards Manager/Date

Gurinder Grewal, FWO Chief Engineer

Please return original Variance to Tobin Oruch, M702, for distribution after FWO DL action.